**Olmstead Consumer Taskforce**

**November 4, 2022**

**This meeting was held via Zoom due to COVID-19.**

10:00          **Welcome and Introductions**

Members present: Harriet Gulbranson, Joel Vander Molen, Jessica Williams, Melinda Haley, Lisa Pakkebier, Marc Hines, Jen Simmering, Amy Desenberg Wines, Aaron Green, Brittney Montross, Michelle Allmandinger, Amber Alaniz, Megz Stroback, Garret Frey, Greg Fier, Ed Esbeck

Others present: Eric Gebhart, Connie Fanselow, Kimberley Walford, Devon McClurken, Terri Rosonke, Patti Manna, June Klein Bacon, Derrick Willis, Vienna Hoang, Brooke Lovelace, Lisa Schneider, Morgan Casey, Page Humphrey, Lindsey Robertson, Maribel Slinde, Danielle Workman, Stephany Sprinkel, Matt Highland, Kelly Garcia, Katrina Carter, Jean Ohlen, Todd Lange

Staff support: Anne Crotty

10:10         **Review, Additional Items, and Approval of the Agenda**

Michael motioned to accept the agenda. Megz seconded. No nays or abstentions. Motion passed.

10:15        **Review, Corrections and Approval of the September minutes**

Megz motioned to approve the minutes. Amber seconded. No nays or abstentions. Motion passed.

11:00 **State Agency Updates**

* **Iowa Finance Authority –** The Iowa Finance Authority Board approved additional funding and allocated $500 million in funding 36 affordable rental units targeted to seniors in Iowa City, homelessness assistance programs across Iowa, and other affordable home ownership projects. IFA is collaborating with partner organizations to assist in meeting housing needs for individuals moving from Glenwood.
* **Iowa Department of the Blind** – IDB has a new Chief Information Officer, Connie Mendenhall. They have new advertisements on IHeart Radio and will work with community organizations to get the word out.
* **DHS Updates – Connie Fanselow**
* See emailed attachment
* **DHHS Director Kelly Garcia**

Discussion: Amy Desenberg Wines asked for suggestions on how to collaborate and promote competitive, integrated employment. Danielle Workman asked if there has been discussion about increasing the number of refugees to assist with the Direct Support Workforce crisis. Kelly responded that there has been discussion about this and also how refugees may be able to help address shortages in nursing assistant and childcare workforce issues as well. Paula asked if there was a feedback loop to review ideas and what is working in other states that may be applicable in Iowa. Kelly responded that IME is constantly reviewing other state’s programs and suggested the Medicaid Town Halls to propose specific suggestions. Lisa noted that the Executive Committee requested an update on the availability of data for the Olmstead Plan. DHHS is creating a spreadsheet to review the different groups, task forces, commissions, committees, the purpose, and what they are required to do, and the membership, and who is served. Paula suggested OCTF identify the most preferred data points and ask DHHS to publicly display it. Kelly suggested reviewing the existing dashboards and determine additional datapoints that may be possible. Jen suggested that the Taskforce compare the data dashboards, focus data requests, and how often to request her presence at OCTF meetings. The recording of Kelly Garcia’s portion and discussion is available at <https://bit.ly/3iaYld2>.

12:00 **Continued Discussion of Legislative Priorities**

The Executive Committee will move up the Executive Meeting and

1:00 **Taskforce Committee Reports**

* 1. Executive Committee Report
* The Executive Committee is reviewing the bylaws and discussing possibly switching the large group OCTF meetings to a different day, with the hope of being more convenient for members and state agency representatives.
	1. Nominations Committee Report – Marc Hines
* No report
	1. Olmstead Plan Committee Report – Mari Reynolds
* No report
1. Community Access Committee Report – Jen Simmering

- No report

E. Medicaid Committee Report – Paula Connolly

* No report

**1:00 Taskforce Member Reports**

* No taskforce member reports

**1:30 Public Comment**

1:30      **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm